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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Todd P. Guay, Gregory S. Smith, Ari W. Mozes and Gaylen D. Royal

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [ ] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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TOTAL	135	MINUS	* 54	81	
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					
				RATE	ADDET. FEE
				X \$ 9	\$
				X \$42	\$
				+ \$140	\$
					OR
				RATE	ADDET. FEE
				X \$18	\$ 1458
				X \$84	\$ 84
				+ \$280	\$

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TOTAL = \$ 0TOTAL = \$ 1542

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[X] A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 27, 2002 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

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